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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2007–08 REGULAR SESSION

## ASSEMBLY BILL

**No. 738**

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**Introduced by Assembly Member Strickland**

February 22, 2007

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An act to amend Section 1107 of the Ojai Basin Groundwater Management Agency Act (Chapter 750 of the Statutes of 1991), relating to water.

### LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 738, as amended, Strickland. Ojai Basin Groundwater Management Agency.

The Ojai Basin Groundwater Management Agency Act establishes the Ojai Basin Groundwater Management Agency. The act authorizes the agency to impose, by ordinance, a charge on the extraction of groundwater by the use of extraction facilities within the boundaries of the agency to pay the costs of the agency in carrying out groundwater management activities. The act prohibits the agency from imposing a charge that exceeds \$7.50 per acre-foot pumped per year.

This bill would authorize the board of directors of the agency to impose a groundwater extraction charge that exceeds that \$7.50 per acre-foot amount pumped per year if that action is approved by a majority vote of the operators of extraction facilities that are subject to the charge, *with votes weighted based on the volume of water extracted by each operator*.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: no.  
State-mandated local program: no.

*The people of the State of California do enact as follows:*

1     SECTION 1. Section 1107 of the Ojai Basin Groundwater  
2     Management Agency Act (Chapter 750 of the Statutes of 1991) is  
3     amended to read:

4     Sec. 1107. (a) Except as provided in subdivision (b), the  
5     groundwater extraction charge shall not exceed seven dollars and  
6     fifty cents (\$7.50) per acre-foot pumped per year.

7     (b) The board may impose a groundwater extraction charge that  
8     exceeds the amount specified in subdivision (a) if that action is  
9     approved by a majority vote of the operators that are subject to the  
10    charge *with votes weighted based on the volume of water extracted*  
11    *by each operator.*